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Subject: RE: PEOPLE: Here's who is running EPA -- Wednesday, January 20, 2021 -- www.eenews.net

Thank you for thinking of me. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve as acting regional administrator again. It's always a fun and rewarding.

David

From: Giblin, Pam <pam.giblin@bakerbotts.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:05 PM
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So glad you're on the list, although not surprised. You've always been the anchor of Region 6!!

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Here's who is running EPA

Kevin Bogardus, E&E News reporter

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Charlotte Bertrand, EPA's deputy associate administrator for programs, has worked at the agency for over two decades. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

EPA has named a number of career officials to run its program and regional offices until the incoming Biden administration's appointees arrive at the agency.

Charlotte Bertrand, a newly promoted career official at EPA, will serve at the top of the agency as administrator, according to an internal email obtained by E&E News. Last month, she was named associate deputy administrator for programs, leaving the agency's water office to join the administrator's office.

President Trump then issued an executive order changing the order of succession at EPA, adding Bertrand's new position to the line of power at the agency. A longtime career official, Bertrand is considered close to Trump's political appointees and worked on several controversial rules during his administration (Greenwire, Jan. 11).

In the final days of the Obama administration, EPA also named career officials to manage the agency until Trump's team came on board (*E&E News PM*, Jan. 12, 2017).

Some EPA career officials will serve in leadership again for posts they once held four years ago as they waited for Trump's appointees. Those officials include David Bloom for the financial office, Sarah Dunham for the air office, Barry Breen for the solid waste office and Larry Starfield for the enforcement office.

Career officials can be at the top of EPA for weeks as they wait for a new president's nominees to be confirmed by the Senate. Catherine McCabe, then deputy regional administrator for EPA Region 2, spent nearly a month as acting administrator until Scott Pruitt's arrival in February 2017.

"During the transition period starting the afternoon of January 20, 2021, the agency leadership team will be as follows until otherwise superseded," outgoing EPA Chief of Staff Mandy Gunasekara said in the email sent yesterday to agency employees.

"Thank you to the leadership team for taking on this important responsibility and continuing the work of the agency."

Those EPA officials are as follows:

Administrator: Charlotte Bertrand

Office of the Chief Financial Officer: David Bloom

Office of Air and Radiation: Sarah Dunham

Office of Water: Andrew Sawyers

Office of Land and Emergency Management: Barry Breen

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention: Tala Henry

Office of Research and Development: Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta

Office of General Counsel: Jim Payne

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: Larry Starfield

Office of International and Tribal Affairs: Jane Nishida

Office of Mission Support: Donna Vizian

Office of Policy: Helena Woods-Aguilar

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations: Robin Richardson

Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education: Lee Tanner

Office of Public Affairs: Nancy Grantham

Region 1: Deb Szaro

Region 2: Walter Mugdan

Region 3: Diana Esher

Region 4: John Blevins

Region 5: Cheryl Newton

Region 6: David Gray

Region 7: Ed Chu

Region 8: Deb Thomas

Region 9: Deb Jordan

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